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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit: 1621

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APPLICATION NO: 09/856,769

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
ACYLPHOSPHINES, ACYL OXIDES AND
ACYL SULFIDES

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on November 4, 2003. within the shortened statutory period for reply.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims to read as follows.